causes of fire have generally been found to be:—

(i) Electric short-circuit;

(ii) Overloading of electric installation;

(iii) Leakage of cooking gas;

(iv) Industrial processing; and

(v) Careless smoking.

(b) High-rise buildings prone to fire have been identified.

(c) Action has been initiated to provide in-built safety measures in these buildings as per the provisions of the Delhi Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Act, 1986, as the Rules made thereunder.

Maritime Boundary between India and Sri Lanka

116. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has lately urged the Central Government to clearly demarcate the maritime boundary between India and Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, what is the present position about this boundary; and

(c) what steps are being taken in response to the above request?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While the boundary has been demarcated under bilateral Agreements between India and Sri Lanka, it is not easily identifiable by fishermen, in small fishing craft, which do not have sophisticated navigational aids.

(c) Government are considering various proposals in this regard.

Arms and Ammunition Confiscated on Lassian Border Outpost

117. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge cash of arms and ammunition was confiscated by BSF on the Lassian border outpost of Gurdaspur on Indo-Pak border on March 30-31, 1990;

(b) if so, the extent of arms and ammunition seized; and

(c) the details of the gun-runners apprehended and brought to book indicating their *modus operandi*?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) On the night of March 30-31, 1990, the BSF seized the following arms/ammunition in the area of Lassian borded outpost of Gurdaspur:—

AK-74 Rifle	..	4 Nos.
Bazooka	..	1 No.
Rockets	..	11 Nos.
Rocket Containers	..	6 Nos.
Propeller charger of Chinese marking	..	11 Nos.
Magazine AK-74 Rifle	..	8 Nos.
Charger clip	..	86 Nos.
AK-74 Live Amn	..	1086 Ros.
Rocket rings	..	11 Nos.

(c) No arrests could be made in this case as the intruders managed to escape under the cover of darkness.

Activities of United Liberation Front of Assam

118. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that kidnappings, extortions and killings including bomb on rail tracks and trains have lately become the order of the day in Assam, where a secessionist outfit, United Liberation Front of Assam, (ULFA) is having a free run and the Bodos have also returned to terrorism;

(b) if so, the number and details of the incidents that took place in Assam during the past two months; and

(c) what steps have been taken to effectively curb such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The Government have received reports about the incidents of kidnappings, extortions, killings including bomb blasts attributed to ULFA Sporadic incidents of violence by Bodos have also been reported.

(b) The Government have been incidents were reported involving 40 deaths, 9 kidnapping and 4 bomb blasts.

(b) the Government have been providing all assistance and cooperation to the State Government and have advised them to take stern measures to contain such activities.

Meeting of National Integration Council

119. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Integration Council recently met in New Delhi;

(b) if so, what specific issues were discussed therein; and

(c) what decisions were taken in the Council meeting and what follow-up action has been taken or is being taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir. It held its first meeting on 11th April, 1990.

(b) and (c) There was general discussion on (i) communal situation in India; (ii) increased use of violence by political/secessionist activists; Punjab situation; Kashmir situation; and Ram Janam Bhoomi-Babri Masjid issue. The meeting of the Council adopted a Resolution unanimously a copy of which is annexed.

COPY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL INTEGRATION COUNCIL ON 11 APRIL, 1990

The National Integration Council, at its meeting held at New Delhi on 11th April, 1990 expresses its grave concern over the escalation in terrorist violence in Punjab and the anti-national activities of secessionists in the Kashmir Valley, the emergence of forces of separatism in Assam and the increase in communal tension in the country. This meeting also notes with anxiety the re-emergence, with greater severity, of destabilising forces which are operating in the garb of terrorism, communal fanaticism and separatism which are receiving assistance from across the border.